


# Sambujō (三奉請)


(Three Respectful Callings)

Leader



Bu jo - u      1. mi — da — nyo ra - i  
 2. sha — ka —  
 3. jip — pō —

All



ni - u — do - u      jo — u      Sa - n ge - e



ra — a — a — ku

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We respectfully welcome Amida Buddha to our temple as we scatter flowers of joy.

We respectfully welcome Śākyamuni Buddha to our temple as we scatter flowers of joy.

We respectfully welcome the Buddhas of all times and places to our temple as we scatter flowers of joy.

## **The Golden Chain**

I am a link in Amida's golden chain of love that stretches around the world. I will keep my link bright and strong.

May I be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself.

May I think pure and beautiful thoughts, say pure and beautiful words, and do pure and beautiful deeds.

May every link in Amida's golden chain of love be bright and strong, and may we all attain perfect peace.

**Loving-Kindness (Metta) Meditation**

May all beings be happy and well,  
May no harm or difficulties come to them,  
May they live in peace and harmony.

May I be happy and well,  
May no harm or difficulties come to me,  
May I live in peace and harmony.

May my family be happy and well,  
May no harm or difficulties come to them,  
May they live in peace and harmony.

May my teachers be happy and well,  
May no harm or difficulties come to them,  
May they live in peace and harmony.

May my friends be happy and well,  
May no harm or difficulties come to them,  
May they live in peace and harmony.

May strangers be happy and well,  
May no harm or difficulties come to them,  
May they live in peace and harmony.

May my enemies be happy and well,  
May no harm or difficulties come to them,  
May they live in peace and harmony.

May all beings be happy and well,  
May no harm or difficulties come to them,  
May they live in peace and harmony.

*– Palo Alto Buddhist Temple Reading*

## Vandana Ti-Sarana

(Homage and Three Refuges)

° ° Leader

Na - mo tas - sa Bha - ga - va - a - to

A-ra-ha - a - to Samm' - sam-bud - dhas - sa

Leader: 1st / All: 2nd

Bud - dham sa - ra - nam gac - cha - mi

Dham - mam sa - ra - nam gac - cha - mi

Sam - gham sa - ra - nam gac - cha - mi

Homage to Śākyamuni Buddha, the Blessed One, the Noble One, the Perfectly Awakened One.

I go to the Buddha for guidance.

I go to the Dharma for guidance.

I go to the Sangha for guidance.

NAMO KIE BUTSU ↘  
 NAMO KIE HO° ↗  
 NAMO KIE SOO ↘

## Sanbutsuge (讚仏偈)

*The Larger Sutra of Immeasurable Life*  
Dharmākara Praises His Teacher

At that time there was a king who, having heard the Buddha's exposition of the Dharma, rejoiced in his heart and awakened the aspiration for supreme, true enlightenment. He renounced his kingdom and throne, and undertook practice as a monk named Dharmākara. Possessed of superior intelligence, courage, and wisdom, he surpassed other people of the world. He went to see Lokeśvararāja Tathāgata, bowed at his feet, circumambulated him three times to the right, knelt down on the ground, and, putting his palms together in reverence, praised the Buddha with the following verses:

Your radiant countenance is majestic,  
And your dignity is boundless.  
Radiant splendor such as yours  
Has no equal.

Even the blazing light of  
The sun, moon, and mani-jewels  
Is completely hidden and obscured,  
And looks like a mass of black ink-sticks.

The countenance of the Tathāgata  
Is unequalled in the world;  
The great voice of the Perfectly Enlightened One  
Resounds throughout the ten quarters.

Your observance of precepts, learning, diligence,  
Meditation, and wisdom –  
The magnificence of these virtues is peerless,  
Excellent and unsurpassed.

Deeply and clearly mindful  
Of the ocean of the Dharma of all Buddhas,  
You know its depth and breadth,  
And reach its farthest end.

Ignorance, greed, and anger  
Are completely absent in the World-honored One;  
You are a lion, the most courageous of all humans,  
Having immeasurable majestic virtues.

Your meritorious accomplishment is vast,  
And your wisdom is deep and supreme;  
The majestic glory of your light  
Shakes the great thousand worlds.

I vow to become a Buddha,  
Equal to you, the most honored King of the Dharma,  
And to bring sentient beings from birth-and-death  
To the final attainment of emancipation.

My practice of giving, self-discipline,  
Observance of precepts, forbearance, diligence,  
And also meditation and wisdom  
Shall be unsurpassed.

I resolve that, when I become a Buddha,  
I will fulfill this vow in every possible way,  
And to all beings who live in fear  
I will give great peace.

Even though there are Buddhas  
As many as a thousand million kotis,  
Or countless great sages  
As many as the sands of the Ganges,

I will make offerings  
To all these Buddhas;  
Nothing surpasses my determination  
To seek the Way steadfastly and untiringly.

Even though there are Buddha-worlds  
As many as the sands of the Ganges,  
And also innumerable lands  
Beyond calculation,

My light shall illumine  
All of these lands;  
I will make such efforts  
That my divine power may be boundless.

When I become a Buddha,  
My land shall be the most exquisite;  
People there shall be unrivaled and excellent  
And my seat of enlightenment shall be beyond compare.

My land shall be like nirvāna,  
Being supreme and unequaled.  
Out of compassion and pity,  
I will bring all to emancipation.

Those who come from the ten quarters  
Shall rejoice with pure hearts;  
Once they reach my land,  
They shall dwell in peace and happiness.

May you, the Buddha, be my witness  
And attest to the truthfulness of my resolution.  
I have thus made my aspiration;  
I will endeavor to fulfill it.

The World-honored Ones in the ten quarters  
Have unimpeded wisdom;  
May these honored ones  
Always know my intentions.

Even if I should be subjected to  
All kinds of suffering and torment,  
Continuing my practice undeterred,  
I would endure it and never have any regrets.

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May the virtue of this truth,

Be shared equally by all;

May we together awaken the Bodhi Mind,

And realize the realm of Peace and Joy.

